

DYD CONNECTIONS

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Development**

DYD partners,

May was an incredibly energizing and productive month as DYD began developing a new youth development and engagement model for young people inside facilities. To map out this major expansion of our work supporting justice-involved youth, we've launched dedicated stakeholder workgroups with our facility partners. As the implementation plan takes shape, we look forward to sharing details and hosting opportunities for community feedback.



In partnership with the [WNBA's LA Sparks](#), the [LA County Probation Department](#), and the [Twinning Project](#), DYD has launched a sports-based mentorship and life skills initiative for youth at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall and Campus Vernon Kilpatrick. This program combines coaching with workshops on teamwork,

emotional resilience, and communication to help youth build confidence and prepare for life after the juvenile justice system. [Click here to learn more.](#)



DYD also recently joined young leaders, diplomats, and changemakers from more than 100 countries at the International Youth Conference to discuss the impact of youth on public policy both in LA County and around the world. (You can watch my keynote address [here](#) and [click here](#) for our workshop on the history of youth justice, which features system-impacted youth sharing their powerful stories.)

Finally, as summer approaches, we're excited to connect young people with great recreational activities, summer jobs, and skill-building programs. To make sure you don't miss out, follow us on Instagram at [@lacountyouth](#) and check our Stories for

opportunities to keep youth engaged and thriving all summer long and throughout the year.

As always, I value your input and feedback. Connect with us at info@dyd.lacounty.gov with any questions or concerns and please explore [DYD.LA](https://www.dyd.lacounty.gov) for more information and resources.

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🔔 Save the Date! DYD's 2026 Youth Summit 🔔



DYD's 2026 Youth Summit is set for **Friday, October 16 at the Beehive in Los Angeles!** The theme is Built By Us- and we're packing it with the workshops, music and activities you told us you want to experience. (If you were at [last year's summit](#),

you know this event is not to be missed!) Follow our [@lacountyouth](#) IG for more details in the weeks ahead!

Don't Miss It: DYD Quarterly Public Convening - Thursday, June 4

JOIN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOR OUR

QUARTERLY PUBLIC CONVENING



DATE

Thursday, June 4th



TIME

3:00 - 5:00PM



LOCATION

Zoom



REGISTER BELOW TO JOIN!

bit.ly/qpcj2026



Want to stay up to date on future convenings?
Sign up for DYD's newsletter at:
bit.ly/dydnewsletter

Our Quarterly Public Convening (QPC) is Thursday, June 4th from 3 – 5 pm PST. It's a great opportunity to learn about what's currently happening at DYD, network with

local partners and to hear about upcoming events and opportunities. Registration is open now at bit.ly/QPCJ2026.

Now Showing: Street Racing PSA

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STREET RACING KILLS

IT'S JUST NOT WORTH IT

WATCH NOW

In partnership with Street Racing Kills (SRK) and LA County, DYD in May released a new video aimed at curbing illegal street racing and takeovers. The video was

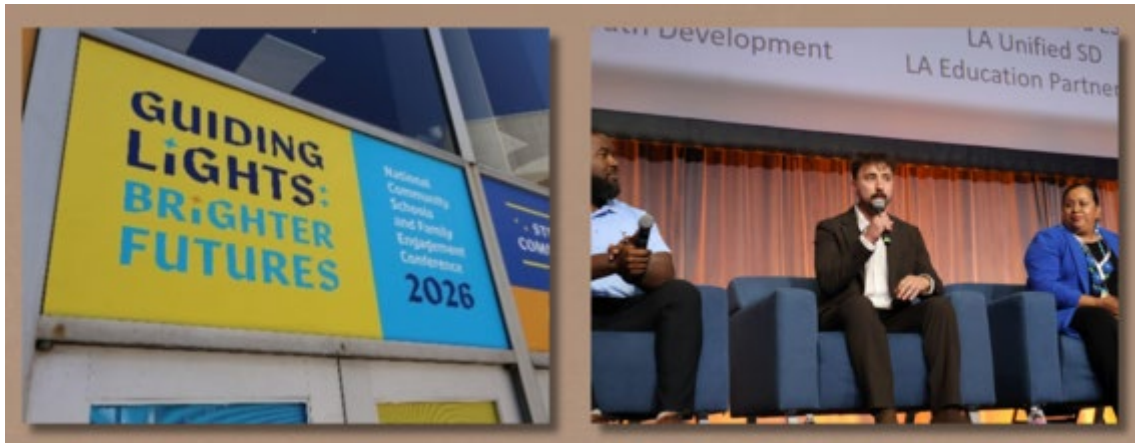
shaped by input from youth in our Heart of Youth Justice Reimagined groups to make sure it resonates with young people. [Click here](#) or the graphic above to watch the video and find resources at [Street Racing Kills](#).

DYD Partner Rainbow Labs 🌈📖

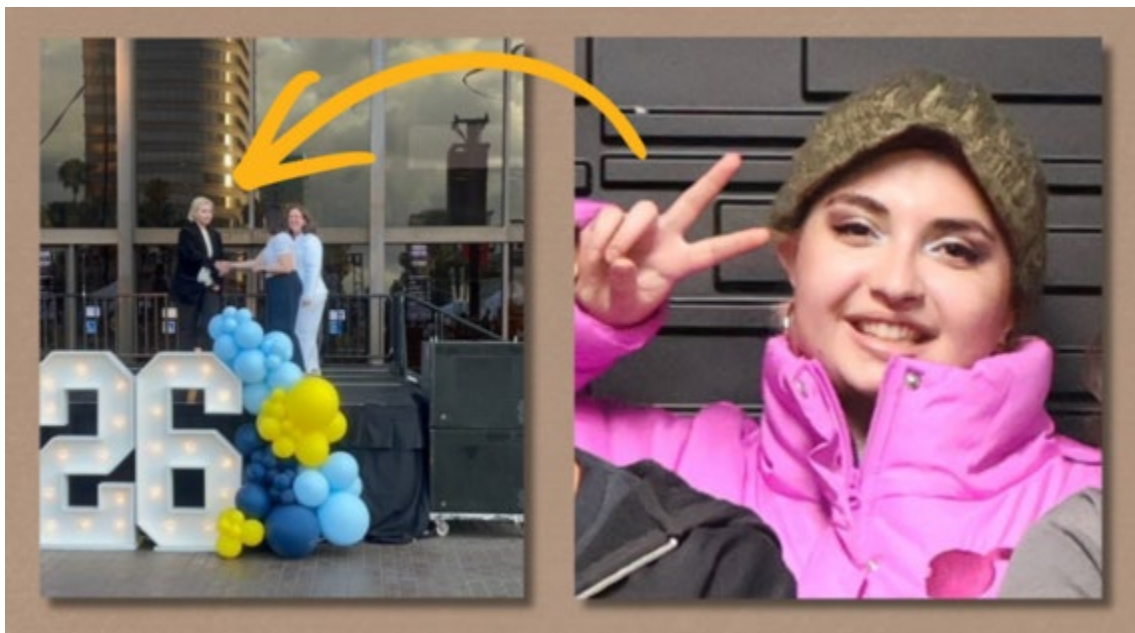


[Rainbow Labs](#) in May highlighted DYD in an “Our Partners in Impact” blog article! We’re proud to partner with Rainbow Labs in creating safe, authentic spaces for LGBTQIA+ and gender nonconforming youth in LA to connect, grow, and thrive. Read the full article [here](#).

DYD at the National Community Schools & Family Engagement Conference



We were inspired and honored to be a part of May's National Community Schools and Family Engagement Conference in Long Beach. David McGill-Soriano, DYD's Youth Development Networks Director, spoke on the power of youth voices and highlighted the incredible impact of our South LA Youth Advisory Board ([click here to watch](#)).



A special shout-out goes to Chris Jill, a youth consultant for Antelope Valley's Heart of Youth Justice Reimagined (HYJR) group, who received the prestigious Youth Leadership Award! Chris has worked with HYJR since its inception, partnering with

numerous organizations to expand opportunities for youth throughout the AV community.

Incubation Academy Graduation



DYD recently celebrated the graduation of several community-based partners from the Incubation Academy. Led by the [Liberty Hill Foundation](#), this program builds capacity and supports grassroots organizations as they grow alongside the youth they serve. These organizations serve as the essential infrastructure for LA County's Care First approach and fuel DYD's mission to invest in youth development as a core public safety strategy. [Click on this link](#) to hear what Academy graduates have to say about the program!

Peer Narrative Ambassadorship Celebration



We were thrilled to gather with our [Arts for Healing and Justice Network](#) partners last month to celebrate our Peer Narrative Ambassador Fellows! This event included a showcase of original art projects created by the youth and screening of a new film exploring the deep history of youth justice in LA. [Click here to view the video.](#)

Level Up Your Leadership Skills: Join a Heart of Youth Justice Reimagined Meeting

"I loved how it was a safe space. Everyone was so nice to each other & I felt comfortable."



"HYJR has shown me a new perspective of cooperation and collaboration and helped me get a JOB!"



June Gatherings for Heart of YJR Youth Leadership Work Groups



EAST LOS ANGELES 4876 Gleason St. Los Angeles 90022
 June 4th 5pm - 7pm
<https://bit.ly/ELAHYJRJune> 

ANTELOPE VALLEY 38417 20th St East Suite A Palmdale 93550
 June 11th 5pm - 7pm
bit.ly/AVHYJR 

LONG BEACH Long Beach City College 1305 W. Pacific Coast Hwy Long Beach 90808
 June 24th 4:30pm - 6:30pm
bit.ly/LBHYJRGUNE 

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY 1101 San Fernando Rd. San Fernando 91340
 June 25th 6pm - 8pm
bit.ly/818youthjustice 

SOUTH CENTRAL 7625 S. Central Ave Los Angeles 90001
 June 18th 5pm - 7pm
bit.ly/sclahyjr2026 

"I noticed drastic changes in my attitude and the way I carry myself; I also am more confident expressing myself."



"I feel more connected and informed with my city and government; I look forward to this meeting every month."

Looking to turn your leadership potential into action? HYJR meetings offer a unique, in-person space designed and co-led by young people, for young people. This is

your platform to connect with a powerful network of peers, sharpen your professional skills, and directly influence the future of your community. Your time and expertise are valuable, so all youth participants receive a gift card for their attendance. Check the flyer above to see why your peers value HYJR and use the bit.ly links or QR codes to sign up for a local meeting today!

Find Resources with the DYD Provider Directory



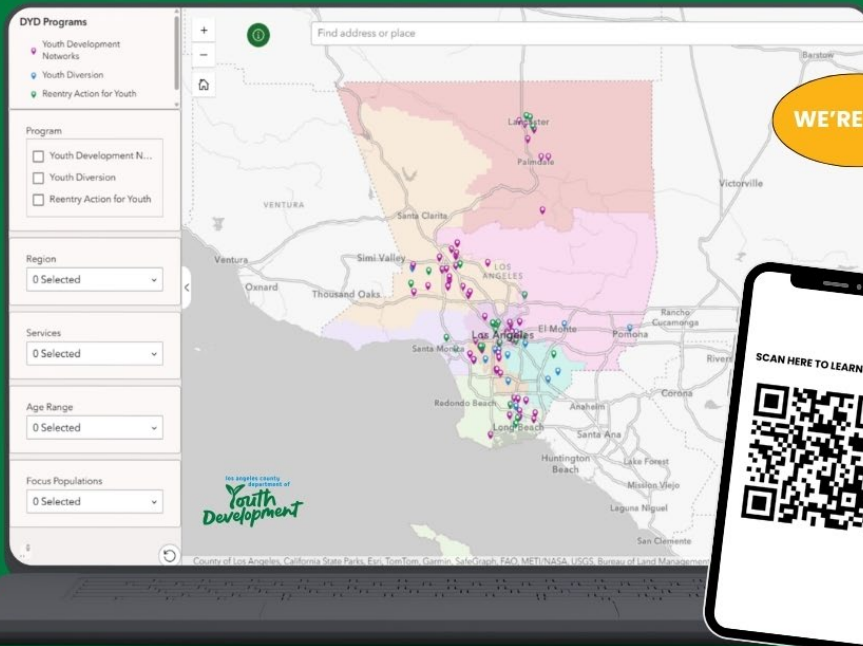
DYD Provider Directory

Check out this interactive resource designed to connect Los Angeles County youth & families to **free, culturally responsive programming!**

- ✓ Diversion
- ✓ Youth Development
- ✓ Reentry



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WE'RE LIVE!

DYD's Provider Directory is an interactive resource designed to connect Los Angeles County youth and families to DYD's free, culturally responsive

programming. This user friendly map allows you to easily filter results by region, age, and specific service types to help you connect with DYD's youth development, diversion, or reentry programming providers. It's your source to explore DYD's network of community-based services. [Click here](#) or visit dyd.lacounty.gov/providers to learn more.

Our SPOT Teen Center



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Building safer communities through positive change.



OUR SPOT - TEEN CENTER

Looking for somewhere fun to hang out after school? We've got you! Activities include:

- Field trips and Teen nights
- Workshops
- Mentorship and job pathways
- Supper served at 7:00 PM

HOURS

- During School Year:
Afterschool – 9:00 PM
- Summer: 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM

REGISTER NOW >

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OUR SPOT LOCATIONS

100% FREE for teens ages 12-18 (Grades 6-12)

AMELIA MAYBERRY PARK

13201 East Meyer Road,
Whittier, CA 90605, (562) 944-9727

BELVEDERE COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARK

4914 East Cesar Chavez Avenue,
Los Angeles, CA 90022, (323) 260-2342

CITY TERRACE PARK

1126 North Hazard Avenue,
East Los Angeles, CA 90063, (323) 260-2371

EARVIN MAGIC JOHNSON PARK

905 E. El Segundo Blvd.,
Los Angeles, 90059 (323) 942-8457

EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ PARK

15116 South Atlantic Avenue,
Compton, CA 90221, (310) 603-3724

EL CARISO COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARK

13100 Hubbard St.,
Sylmar, CA 91342, (818) 367-5043

EUGENE A. OBREGON PARK

4021 E. First St.,
Los Angeles, CA 90063 (323) 260-2344

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT PARK

7600 Graham Avenue,
Los Angeles, CA 90001, (323) 586-7228

JACKIE ROBINSON PARK

8773 East Avenue R
Little Rock, CA 93543 (661) 944-2880

LENNOX PARK

10828 South Condon Avenue,
Lennox, CA 90304, (310) 419-6712

LOMA ALTA PARK

3330 N. Lincoln Ave.,
Altadena, CA 91001, (626) 398-5451

MONA PARK

2291 E. 121st St.,
Compton, CA 90222, (310) 603-3729

PAMELA PARK

2236 Goodall Avenue,
Duarte, CA 91010, (626) 357-1619

RUBEN F. SALAZAR PARK

3864 Whittier Boulevard,
Los Angeles, CA 90023, (323) 260-2330

SAN ANGELO PARK

245 South San Angelo Avenue,
La Puente, CA 91746, (626) 968-2666

STEPHEN SORENSEN PARK

16801 E. Ave. P,
Palmdale, CA 93591, (661) 264-1249

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DYD is proud to provide support for Our SPOT, LA County Parks and Recreation's free, weekday, park-based program for teens aged 12-18. Our SPOT offers LA County teens access to a safe and supportive environment where they can socialize, explore interests, receive homework help, and enjoy hot meals, mentoring, sports, and career exploration. Our SPOT offers engaging, meaningful programming year-round during critical after-school and evening hours. Learn more about Our SPOT and find a park location near you by [clicking here](#).

Employment Opportunities: Check Out Youth @ Work

A promotional banner for LA County Youth @ Work. The background is a gradient of blue and purple with a faint city skyline. On the left, 'LA COUNTY' is written vertically in white. The main text 'YOUTH @WORK' is in large white letters, with a smiley face icon inside the 'O' of 'WORK'. To the right of 'WORK' is the 'department of economic opportunity' logo. Below this, a white box contains the text 'Learn more: bit.ly/DEOYouthAtWork'. Further down, another white box says 'LA County youth ages 14-24 can explore new career pathways and earn \$17.87/hr through Youth@Work (Y@W)'. At the bottom, there are social media icons for YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, followed by the text 'Stay connected! Follow @EconOppLA'.

Youth@Work provides opportunities for young people (ages 14-24) to gain valuable experience and develop in-demand skills through salaried positions in thriving industries. This program will connect you with local employers and America's Job Centers of California (AJCCs), where you can gain real world experience and build your confidence. Take the next step toward a bright future by clicking [this link](#) or the banner above to learn more!

Care First



Care First uplifts the message that young people thrive when we prioritize healing and opportunity over punishment. By providing access to supportive mentors, community resources, and genuine second chances, we build a safer, stronger LA County for everyone. Get involved! Visit [DYD.LA](https://dyd.la) or click the banner below to learn about Care First programs and how you can support and empower our youth. And you can download printable information about DYD by [clicking here](#).

STAY CONNECTED WITH DYD!



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